

What is claimed is:

1. A surveillance system for confirming a state of a house, comprising:  
a mobile terminal owned by a user;  
a camera mounted on a part of the house, which is specified by the user;  
and  
an information processing unit operable to transmit an image photographed by said camera to said mobile terminal in accordance with an instruction from said mobile terminal.

2. A surveillance system for confirming a state of a house, comprising:  
a mobile terminal owned by a user;  
a sensor mounted on a part of the house, which is specified by the user;  
and  
an information processing unit operable to transmit information from said sensor to said mobile terminal.

3. A surveillance system for confirming a state of a house, comprising:  
a mobile terminal owned by a user;  
a sensor mounted on a part of the house, which is specified by the user;  
and  
an information processing unit operable to transmit, when said sensor senses unusual event information, a text message corresponding to the unusual event information to said mobile terminal.

4. A surveillance system for confirming a state of a house, comprising:  
a mobile terminal owned by a user;  
a sensor mounted on a part of the house, which is specified by the user;  
a camera operable to photograph a sensing area of said sensor; and  
an information processing unit operable to transmit, when said sensor senses unusual event information, an image photographed by said camera to said

7 mobile terminal.

1 5. A surveillance system for confirming a state of a house, comprising:  
2 a mobile terminal owned by a user;  
3 a sensor mounted on a part of the house, which is specified by the user;  
4 a camera operable to photograph a sensing area of said sensor; and  
5 an information processing unit having a memory that cumulatively stores  
6 images photographed by said camera when said sensor senses unusual event  
7 information, said information processing unit transmitting an image in said memory to  
8 said mobile terminal in accordance with an instruction from said mobile terminal.

1 6. A surveillance system for confirming a state of a house, comprising:  
2 an information communications network constructed using an electrical  
3 power distribution network of a power company;  
4 a mobile terminal owned by a customer of the power company;  
5 a camera mounted on a part of the house, which is specified by the  
6 customer; and  
7 an information processing unit connected to said information  
8 communications network for transmitting an image photographed by said camera to  
9 said mobile terminal in accordance with an instruction from said mobile terminal.

1 7. A surveillance system for confirming a state of a house, comprising:  
2 an information communications network constructed using an electrical  
3 power distribution network of a power company;  
4 a mobile terminal owned by a customer of the power company;  
5 a sensor mounted on a part of the house, which is specified by the  
6 customer; and  
7 an information processing unit connected to said information  
8 communications network for transmitting information from said sensor to said mobile  
9 terminal.

1 8. A surveillance system for confirming a state of a house, comprising:  
2 an information communications network constructed using an electrical  
3 power distribution network of a power company;  
4 a mobile terminal owned by a customer of the power company;  
5 a sensor mounted on a part of the house, which is specified by the  
6 customer; and  
7 an information processing unit connected to said information  
8 communications network for transmitting, when said sensor senses unusual event  
9 information, a text message corresponding to the unusual event information to said  
10 mobile terminal.

1 9. A surveillance system for confirming a state of a house, comprising:  
2 an information communications network constructed using an electrical  
3 power distribution network of a power company;  
4 a mobile terminal owned by a customer of the power company;  
5 a sensor mounted on a part of the house, which is specified by the  
6 customer;  
7 a camera operable to photograph a sensing area of said sensor; and  
8 an information processing unit connected to said information  
9 communications network for transmitting, when said sensor senses unusual event  
10 information, an image photographed by said camera to said mobile terminal.

1 10. A surveillance system for confirming a state of a house, comprising:  
2 an information communications network constructed using an electrical  
3 power distribution network of a power company;  
4 a mobile terminal owned by a customer of the power company;  
5 a sensor mounted on a part of the house, which is specified by the  
6 customer;  
7 a camera operable to photograph a sensing area of said sensor; and

an information processing unit having a memory that cumulatively stores images photographed by said camera when said sensor senses unusual event information, said information processing unit being connected to said information communications network for transmitting an image in said memory to said mobile terminal in accordance with an instruction from said mobile terminal.

11. A surveillance system for confirming a state of a house of a customer of a power company, comprising:

an information communications network constructed using an electrical power distribution network of a power company;

a gateway unit installed on the house and connected to said information communications network for sending inspection results, of an automated inspection of measurement of electricity consumed by the customer, to said information communications network;

a mobile terminal owned by the customer;

a camera mounted on a part of the house, which is specified by the customer; and

an information processing unit connected to said information communications network for transmitting an image photographed by said camera to said mobile terminal in accordance with an instruction from said mobile terminal.

12. A surveillance system for confirming a state of a house of a customer of a power company, comprising:

an information communications network constructed using an electrical power distribution network of a power company;

a gateway unit installed on the house and connected to said information communications network for sending inspection results, of an automated inspection of measurement of electricity consumed by the customer, to said information communications network;

a mobile terminal owned by the customer;  
a sensor mounted on a part of the house, which is specified by the customer; and  
an information processing unit connected to said information communications network for transmitting information from said sensor to said mobile terminal.

13. A surveillance system for confirming a state of a house of a customer of a power company, comprising:

an information communications network constructed using an electrical power distribution network of a power company;

a gateway unit installed on the house and connected to said information communications network for sending inspection results, of an automated inspection of measurement of electricity consumed by the customer, to said information communications network;

a mobile terminal owned by the customer;  
a sensor mounted on a part of the house, which is specified by the customer; and

an information processing unit connected to said information communications network for transmitting, when said sensor senses unusual event information, a text message corresponding to the unusual event information to said mobile terminal.

14. A surveillance system for confirming a state of a house of a customer of a power company, comprising:

an information communications network constructed using an electrical power distribution network of a power company;

a gateway unit installed on the house and connected to said information communications network for sending inspection results, of an automated inspection of

measurement of electricity consumed by the customer, to said information communications network;

a mobile terminal owned by the customer;

a sensor mounted on a part of the house, which is specified by the customer;

a camera operable to photograph a sensing area of said sensor; and  
an information processing unit connected to said information communications network for transmitting, when said sensor senses unusual event information, an image photographed by said camera to said mobile terminal.

15. A surveillance system for confirming a state of a house of a customer of a power company, comprising:

an information communications network constructed using an electrical power distribution network of a power company;

a gateway unit installed on the house and connected to said information communications network for sending inspection results, of an automated inspection of measurement of electricity consumed by the customer, to said information communications network;

a mobile terminal owned by the customer;

a sensor mounted on a part of the house, which is specified by the customer;

a camera operable to photograph a sensing area of said sensor; and  
an information processing unit having a memory that cumulatively stores images photographed by said camera when said sensor senses unusual event information, said information processing unit being connected to said information communications network for transmitting an image in said memory to said mobile terminal in accordance with an instruction from said mobile terminal.